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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	09/842,536
Filing Date	April 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	David K. Vavro
Art Unit	7252
Examiner Name	Tsai, Henry
Attorney Docket Number	42390P10917

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 8, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other: (\$.00)
 - b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

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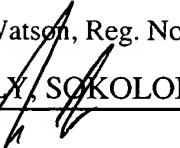
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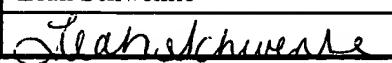
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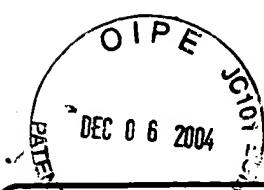
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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
790.00

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	790	2001	395	Utility filing fee
1002	350	2002	175	Design filing fee
1003	550	2003	275	Plant filing fee
1004	790	2004	395	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	24	Extra Claims	28*	=	0	X	Fee from below	=	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	4	4*	=	0	X	88.00	=	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent									

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)			0.00

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.			
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification			
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month			
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month			
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1404	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal			
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403	300	2403	150	Request for oral hearing			
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee			
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee			
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809	790	1809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			790.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify)							

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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